



Forward

Cursillo in the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego

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Our Mission: To Christianize Environments and Develop Lay Leadership

From the Chair

The subject of this article is something that most people in our community have knowledge of, but few understand its workings and motivations. Talks on the purpose and responsibilities of the San Diego Cursillo Secretariat were given during the recent Day of Deeper Understanding, Parish Leaders Workshop, and Servant Community meetings, but a presentation to the community at large has not been done. For that reason, I thought I would provide you with some summary information about this important body of servants. For those who desire to learn more, an excellent presentation about the Cursillo Secretariat is in the NECC Library.

Purpose: The Cursillo Secretariat is the elected body that is responsible to the Diocesan Bishop for the life and direction of the Cursillo Movement in the diocese. The Secretariat's primary purpose is the coordination of Movement functions. It accomplishes this with its resources, and the resources of its working arm, the Servant Community. Secretariat efforts are all about empowering coordination, communications, unity, and training in the Cursillo Movement, not the exercise of power.

Secretariat responsibilities are many. The NECC Library Secretariat pamphlet provides a comprehensive description of these responsibilities. Here are the four responsibilities that have been foremost in the mind of the Secretariat this year:

- Through prayer and study, seek the guidance and blessings of the Holy Spirit for the movement
- Promote unity, love, trust, and team building among members of the community
- Model the Cursillo Method in all its actions and programs
- Focus Cursillo Community efforts on evangelizing environments for Christ; make the "Fourth Day" first.

Functional Objectives: The Secretariat accomplishes its responsibilities through actions that support the achievement of community and movement objectives. These objectives also serve as the standards by which the Secretariat makes policy decisions concerning the content, format, and thrust of the community's weekend and Fourth Day programs. Here are some of the major objectives that the Secretariat has been concentrating on this year:

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Promote an authentic Cursillo Movement: Foster a movement true to the intent and method of its founders as expressed in official NECC literature. This is the standard that your Secretariat uses to discern the validity and applicability of any changes recommended to it for implementation.

Provide guidance for Servant Community efforts: The Secretariat is the movement's decision/policy making body; the Servant Community assists the Secretariat in implementing these policies and decisions. Specific tasks that the Secretariat has given the Servant Community this year include training new leaders and team members for Fourth Day Programs and 3-Day Weekends; studying, analyzing, and making recommendations on how the Cursillo Strategy and Method can be applied in today's environments; and what, if any, changes should be made to revitalize our movement at the parish level and improve communications both within and outside the community.

Maintain an active and meaningful Fourth Day Program: The Secretariat has purposely chosen to focus on the Fourth Day and not let the 3-Day Weekend overshadow its importance. Ramifications of this focus include promoting Ultreyas to encourage a continued commitment to apostolic action in the community, planning and scheduling 3-Day Weekends that are firmly grounded in preparing attendees to carry out their Fourth Day responsibilities, and providing leadership training opportunities for community members (ECLW, DDU, PLW, sponsorship workshops, training for first-time team members).

Maintain a relationship with NECC: The San Diego Cursillo Community has been a long-time participant in the regional and national affairs of the Cursillo Movement and that participation has continued this year. The Rev. Maryanne Lacey is the Secretariat's NECC liaison and she, along with Chair-Elect Victoria Crofoot, will represent us at the national convention this fall in Norfolk, Virginia.

Observations: If you put all these thoughts together, here are the attributes the community and Secretariat should have:

- A movement within the Church that is under the guidance and authority of the Diocesan Bishop and led by an elected leadership team composed of both lay and clergy members. Cursillo is not run as a lay movement of the Church.

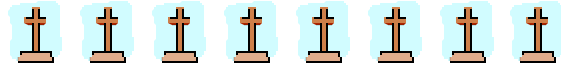
- The Secretariat is organizationally small and flexible, and focused on the execution of Cursillo's three-phase strategy. The election of members and the actions taken by the Secretariat complies with the applicable provisions contained in approved bylaws, the Bishop's Pastoral Plan, and official NECC literature.

- A close working relationship exists between the Secretariat and the Servant Community, and that relationship has enabled the community to grow and change without diluting or losing the message an authentic Cursillo Movement should have.

- The Secretariat does not try to do it all, it delegates responsibilities and functions to other servants to both share the burden and to promote leadership opportunities in the community.

Well, we certainly do not consider ourselves perfect, but I hope you see some of these attributes in our community.

Ultreya,
Darryl



Parish Leaders Workshop

The next Parish Leaders workshop will be held at St. Andrew's La Mesa on Saturday, August 27, from 1:30-5:30 pm.

Cursillo is designed for leaders, and by virtue of your having completed a Cursillo weekend, you are a leader. We invite all leaders, and especially Parish Representatives, to attend this workshop.

You will hear talks (not rollos) from different leaders in the San Diego Cursillo community, have discussions on these topics, and receive a copy of the updated Parish Leaders Handbook.

Please bring your songbooks, since we'll have music led by Mike Orcutt.

**For further information,
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Look for the next Forward in early October with Back to the Mountain applications and Cursillo team information.

Articles, calendar events and other materials are due **no later than September 26th**

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From the Rector

The planning for the fall Cursillo continues. The men's core team is almost complete. We are still in need of applicants to serve so if God leads you to serve in October, please send your application to Chip Schneider at schneider4@adelphia.net or to 2961 Elm Street, Yuma, Arizona 85364. It will be an exciting Cursillo. Desi and I are looking forward to serving all who come to God's table at Camp Stevens.

The team meetings have been set. The core team will meet August 20 and September 17 in Boulevard, California at the home of Frank and Motty Durham. Team meetings have been set for October 1st and 8th at St. Andrews in La Mesa and October 15th and 22nd tentatively at St. Albans in El Cajon.

Now is a great time to be recruiting potential candidates for the weekend. Please pray in your parish and with your rector to determine which of God's children are ready for this step in their walks of life.

May God bless you all

Chip Schneider



From the Rectora

Shout for joy to the Lord all the earth. Psalm 98:4a

Aloha!

I can honestly say that I do shout out for joy to the Lord! I am amazed at how wonderful our great Father is. Only He could have placed two such in sync people together to head this landmark Cursillo weekend. For myself, I am pretty easy going, but we are always hearing how different the men's weekend is from the women's. I no longer even think about such things. Chip and I are on the same page. I know that we find the same things important, and that will make the Cursillo weekend work smoothly. I have almost finished putting together my core team, and I ask that you keep the applications coming! It is such

a thrill to open my mailbox (online and real) and find another one inside. I especially want to invite all of the first time Cursillistas to please take part in the weekend. Chip and I have planned our core team meetings, one August 20, and the other Sept. 17, at the summer home of Frank and Motty Durham in Boulevard CA. It will be about half way for everyone who travels and a cool respite from the 3 digit heat here in Yuma. We will be meeting together as we must plan together.

We have also planned our team meetings for the 4 weeks before the Cursillo weekend. Special thanks to St. Andrews and St. Albans for graciously hosting us. For the ladies it will be a little different to miss that open weekend before we head up the mountain to Camp Stevens. As always my prayers are with you all my brothers and sisters. I am flying through my summer on the wings of prayer, and look forward to seeing all of you soon!

Aloha – Akua ho'omaika 'i 'oe.
(Farewell – God Bless You)

Desi Foster



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Cursillo 115/116 Team Training:

October 1, 8:00 a.m. at St. Andrews, La Mesa
Note: The first training is for new cocineras and first-time table leaders only

October 8, 8:00 a.m. at St. Andrews, La Mesa

October 15, 8:00 a.m. at St. Albans, El Cajon

October 22, 8:00 a.m. at St. Albans, El Cajon



National Episcopal Cursillo Seminar 2005 **Virginia Beach, Virginia** **October 21-23, 2005**



For more info, visit the website at:
www.episcopalcursillo.org



BACK TO THE MOUNTAIN 2006

We are delighted to have been called to be Rectora and Rector of Back to the Mountain 2006. We have chosen the theme **"You did not choose Me, but I chose you..."** (John 15:16).

The gospel tells us Jesus appointed us, and we should go and bear fruit, and that our fruit should remain. In many places in the Bible the Lord calls people to serve Him. Hearing His call and discerning how to respond will be the focus of the talks and our table discussions this weekend.

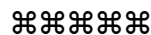
We will be examining the many ways God prepares us to serve Him, and how He through His Holy Spirit works things out so we can be effective in His service (often in spite of ourselves).

The weekend activities will include: Talks, discussion, sharing, singing, reflection, stories, a book exchange (bring back the ones you read last year) and relaxation.

Come join us and feel the love of Jesus around you, calling you to be what God created you to be. Let His love renew your spirit. Explore God's call for your life with others discerning their call as part of Christ's body. We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity for relaxation and renewal. Be with us at Camp Stevens in Julian, CA, the weekend of January 6, 7, and 8. Rekindle the flame of God's love and carry it as a light to all in the New Year.

Your Servants,

Amy Drivas, Rectora and Ed Embick, Rector



PLAN (AND PRAY) AHEAD!!

It is certainly not too early to be planning Palanca for the October weekend. The most important Palanca is prayer. Pray for the candidates by name (when we have them) and pray for the teams, also by name. Prayer makes all the notes and little gifts far more meaningful. Telling someone that you are praying for them is a powerful gift..

Just a few little reminders: Remember to alphabetize Palanca by LAST NAME, please. It helps if you can send your Palanca up to the mountain on Thursday afternoon so the Palanca People can sort early and spend some time with the candidates on Thursday evening. Please do not send special Palanca to selected candidates. It is essential that each candidate receive the same degree of love. If you have Palanca for a candidate special to you, save it for Sunday following Clausura.

And most of all, pray.

Ultreya,
Judy Potter



Cursillos in Christianity
Episcopal Diocese of San Diego
To Christianize our environment and develop lay leaders for the Episcopal Church

CURSILLO WORK APPLICATION
Weekends 115 & 116

Weekend
 Men's Team
 Sunday Angel
 Weekend
 Women's Team
 Sunday Angel

My age group:
 Under 30
 40-50
 50-60
 >60

NAME:	
ADDRESS:	
CITY/ZIP	
HOME PHONE	
WORK PHONE	
FAX NUMBER	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	

Church: _____ City: _____

When and where did you make your Cursillo? _____

Cursillo Work Experience (list most recent first please include date/duties/rollos):

Please comment on any special talents or interests that you would like God to use during the Cursillo Weekend; including musical talents, altar guild, acolytes, calligraphy, artistic talent, chalice bearer, palanca, etc.

I am currently involved in a Group Reunion: Yes No Explain below:

I can participate in the Day of Deeper Understanding (usually 2-3 weeks after Cursillo) Yes No
 If no please explain:
 Any special diet or health needs?
 Do you have any physical limitations?

Anything else you feel led to say:

Send Team Application directly to Rector(a)

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

AUGUST

27 Parish Leaders Workshop, 1:30-5:30, St. Andrews, La Mesa

SEPTEMBER

10 Servant Community Meeting, Good Samaritan, 9:00 a.m.,
followed by Secretariat Meeting at 12:30 p.m.

26 Deadline for August Forward articles
(e-mail to petra_orta@yahoo.com)

OCTOBER

1 Cursillo 115/116 Team Training, St. Andrews, La Mesa, 8:00 a.m.
(first time cocineras and table leaders only)

6 Secretariat Meeting @ Good Samaritan, 6:30 p.m.

8 Cursillo 115/116 Team Training, St. Andrews, La Mesa, 8:00 a.m.

14 New Beginnings, Green Oaks Ranch

15 Cursillo 115/116 Team Training, St. Albans, El Cajon, 8:00 a.m.

22 Cursillo 115/116 Team Training, St. Albans, El Cajon, 8:00 a.m.

27-30 Cursillo 115/116 Weekend



Don't Forget!!
Servant Community / Secretariat Meeting
Saturday, September 10
9:00 am to Noon

Please Note: The sponsor and candidate applications for the
Fall weekend are available from your parish rep, or can be
downloaded from the San Diego Cursillo website:

www.sd cursillo.org